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DEPT PLEASE PASS CINCPAC FOR POLAD TO PASS HONOLULU FBI FIELD
OFFICE FOR SPECIAL AGENT AL MEYERS COMING FROM WASHINGTON DC
TO MEET TONGSUN PARK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 44835 (NOTAL); B) STATE 44715 (NOTAL);
C) RICH/CLARK TELECON FEB. 22; D) SEOUL 44006 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARK TONGSUN TRAVEL APPEAR TO BE
WELL IN HAND. ROKG URGES LOW-KEYED SECURITY OPERATION IN
KEEPING WITH VOLUNTARY NATURE OF PARK TONGSUN TRAVEL AND
FLEXIBILITY IN PARK'S HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. POLCOUNS CLARK DISCUSSED TONGSUN PARK TRAVEL ARRANGE-
MENTS WITH MOFA'S PAK SANG YONG MORNING FEB 22. ROK EMBASSY
WASHINGTON HAD PROVIDED PAK WITH FULL BRIEF ON ACTIVITIES,
INCLUDING INFORMATION THAT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEES AND HUNDLEY, ACTING FOR PARK, HAD ALSO BEEN
SIGNED. PAK WAS PLEASED THAT ARRANGEMENTS GOING SMOOTHLY.
HE STRESSED FACT THAT PARK TONGSUN WAS GOING BACK TO
US VOLUNTARILY TO APPEAR BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEES AND URGED THAT ALL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS
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BE HANDLED IN LOW-KEYED MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THIS
STATUS. PAK NOTED UNFAVORABLE REACTION THAT COULD
BE EXPECTED IN SPECIAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WHICH BEGINS
FEB 25 SHOULD UNFAVORABLE REPORTS ON PARK'S TREATMENT
REACH SEOUL. IN THIS REGARD HE NOTED THAT US MEDIA
REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXPECTED ON FLIGHT TO HONOLULU
WITH PARK TONGSUN. PAK SAID ROK WAS URGING PARK TONGSUN

TO REFRAIN FROM COMMENTS TO PRESS DURING FLIGHT.

2. POLCOUNS ASSURED PAK THAT TREATMENT OF PARK TONGSUN WOULD BE LOW-KEYED AND FULLY CONSISTENT WITH VOLUNTARY NATURE OF HIS TRAVEL. PER PARA 4, REF B, HE ASKED IF ROKG WAS SATISFIED WITH US SECURITY PERSONNEL MEETING PARK TONGSUN IN HONOLULU AND WAS ASSURED THAT ROKG SAW THIS AS MOST APPROPRIATE AND DID NOT WISH ANYONE FROM US SIDE TO TRAVEL WITH PARK TONGSUN FROM SEOUL TO HONOLULU. IN RESPONSE TO POLCOUNS QUESTION, PAK SAID ROKG DID NOT PLAN TO HAVE ROKG SECURITY PERSONNEL ACCOMPANY PARK FROM SEOUL TO HONOLULU SINCE TRIP WAS VOLUNTARY. (COMMENT: WE TAKE THIS TO MEAN THAT NO OVERT SECURITY COVER WILL BE PROVIDED.)

3. RE PARA 3, REF A, POLCOUNS EXPLAINED POSSIBLE PROBLEM OF PARK TONGSUN STAYING AT FRIEND'S RESIDENCE IN HONOLULU AND REQUESTED NAME AND ADDRESS FOR PURPOSES OF REACHING FINAL DECISION. PAK SAID NAME OF FRIEND WAS UNKNOWN TO HIM, BUT THAT HONLULU ADDRESS WAS 4825 EAST KAHALA AVENUE, HONOLULU. PAK SAID HE BELIEVED THIS ADDRESS WAS VERY NEAR A HILTON HOTEL. PAK ALSO SAID THAT PARK TONGSUN WISHED TO STAY AT 2211 - 30TH STREET NORTHWEST WHILE IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT THE ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD INFORMED HIM OF PLANS TO HAVE PARK TONGSUN STAY AT FORT MC NAIR WHILE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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WASHINGTON. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT PARK WOULD NOT FIND THIS ACCEPTABLE AND URGED FLEXIBILITY IN US SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BOTH IN HONOLULU AND WASHINGTON.

4. POLCOUNS, PER TELECON, REF C, POINTED OUT HIS BELIEF THAT WASHINGTON ADDRESS WAS THAT OF HOUSE OWNED BY PARK TONGSUN WHICH IS CURRENTLY SEIZED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, NOT AVAILABLE TO PARK TONGSUN. HE ADDED THAT QUARTERS AT FORT MC NAIR WERE OFFICERS QUARTERS, WERE CONVENIENT AND SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. POLCOUNS NOTED THAT AFTER COMMENCEMENT OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS PARK TONGSUN'S ACTIVITIES WOULD BE SOMEWHAT LIMITED, INCLUDING HIS ACCESS TO PRESS. IT WAS AGREED THAT POLCOUNS WOULD PASS ON TO WASHINGTON ROK REQUEST FOR FLEXIBILITY IN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WASHINGTON STAY WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY PARK AND US

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5. IN ADDITION TO TWO TRAVELING COMPANIONS LISTED
REF D, CHOE MYUNG KYU AND KIM IN SOO (DRIVER), HENRY
CHANG WILL ALSO BE PART OF PARK TONGSUN PARTY. CHANG'S
VISA ISSUED FEB 22 AT SEOUL. PAK STATED THAT PRESENT
PLANS DO NOT CALL FOR A KORAN LAWYER TO ACCOMPANY
PAK INITIALLY; HOWEVER, ONE MIGHT GO TO US AT LATER
DATE, IF REQUIRED.

6. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR CCHOE MYUNG KYU TO DEPART
SEOUL THIS EVENING, FEBRUARY 22, FOR HONOLULU VIA
KAL 006. PARK, CHANG, AND KIM WILL ALL DEPART SEOUL
FEB 23 AT 2140 VIA KAL 006 FOR HONOLULU, ARRIVING
AT 1030 FEBRUARY 23 HONOLULU TIME. CHANG AND KIM
WILL DEPART HONOLULU FEB 24 AT 1745 VIA UA 990 AND
WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON ON FEB 25 AT 0950 VIA UA 156
FROM CHICAGO. PARK TONGSUN AND CHOE MYUNG KYU AT
THIS TIME PLANNING TO DEPART HONOLULU AT 1930 ON
FEB 25 VIA UA 992 ARRIVING CHICAGO 0730 FEB 26. THEY
PLAN DEPART CHICAGO AT 0850 VIA UA 272 ARRIVING
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WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT 1128. POLCOUNS DID NOT
REQUEST ABOVE INFORMATION AND INFORMED PAK THAT

ITINERARY MIGHT CHANGE FROM HONOLULU ONWARD DEPENDING
UPON SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.

7. PER REF A, STANDARD PAROLE LETTER AUTHORIZING
PARK TO TRAVEL TO HONOLULU, PARK'S PASSPORT, AND
VISAED PASSPORTS OF CHOE AND KIM RETURNED TO MOFA'S
PAK SANG YONG AT 1400 ON FEB 22.
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